

What the Department of Workforce Services can offer in the *Economic Downturn*

The Department of Workforce Services can be a resource for virtually anyone in the state, in good times and not-so-good times as well. Our services to business, job seekers and training providers are a resource no matter what the economic climate. For a comprehensive view of our services visit jobs.utah.gov.


One of the roles fulfilled by DWS services is to sustain customers (and their families) while they work their way through necessary transitions. These days there are many who find themselves out of the job market for the first time, and many employers who find themselves for the first time in a downsizing mode. The department has services that can assist both.

Employers can soften the blow by contacting the department's Rapid Response Team. Our Rapid Response Team is a seasoned group of professionals who deal with employee layoffs in good times and in bad. They offer resources by coming on-site to consult with the employer on all services available. We offer on-site workshops to the employees and employers for advice on coping with the stress, credit counseling and financial planning, options for retraining and information

on other services the department offers such as unemployment insurance.

Despite the doom and gloom there are jobs available. Thousands of open positions are listed on our web site, jobs.utah.gov. Listing by positions means there could be more than one job in various unfilled positions listed throughout the state.

For up-to-date information on the state of Utah's economy there's plenty of timely information (such as this magazine) and our career guides for every segment of the workforce. Find career information on occupations in your industry and how to fill those vacancies in a tight labor market. If you're looking for a new career, you can find information on the education and training necessary in recession-proof occupations in healthcare, finance, information technology and education.

Yes, times are hard, but help is available from the Department of Workforce Services. 



A booklet for laid-off workers produced by DWS.
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